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In re U.S. Application No. 09/876,091)	
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Filed: June 8, 2001)	Examiner: Ralph J. Gitomer
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For: A METHOD FOR DETECTING)	Confirmation No. 9372
PROTEIN INHIBITORS AND)	
LIGANDS OF MEDICAL VALUE)	

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Sir:

**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF
PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated November 6, 2003.

Applicants have claimed priority based on German Patent Application No. 100 28 204.0, filed June 9, 2000. However, we have noticed that in the Notice of Allowability mailed on November 6, 2003, the Examiner noted that he had not yet received the certified copy of the German Patent Application for the above-noted application.

We have attached a copy of the first page of the German Patent Application, along with the date-stamped postcard, to corroborate that the certified copy of the German Patent Application was indeed filed on June 8, 2001.

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It is respectfully requested that the USPTO acknowledge receipt of the priority document for this patent application.

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PLEASE STAMP TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:
New U.S. Application for:
A METHOD FOR DETECTING ACTIVE INGREDIENTS OF MEDICAL VALUE
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

1. Check for \$1078.00.
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Spec. 19 pgs. 4 indep. clms. and 21 clms. total.
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Prioritätsbescheinigung über die Einreichung einer Patentanmeldung

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Bezeichnung: Verfahren zur Auffindung von medizinisch
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Die angehefteten Stücke sind eine richtige und genaue Wiedergabe der ursprünglichen Unterlagen dieser Patentanmeldung.

München, den 08. Februar 2001
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Im Auftrag

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